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1. It is stated that the U.S.S.R. will not press its earlier claims for Trieste, the colonies of Italy, or a solution of the German problem favoring its interest. However, this is motivated only by the fact that the Kremlin does not consider these questions of primary importance. On the three issues which are of primary importance to the Soviet Government - the straits of the Dardanelles, the Danube, and preferential commercial agreements with the satellite states of Eastern and Southeastern Europe - Molotov has been instructed to uphold Soviet demands at all costs.
2. Although the Kremlin does not believe that war will result from these claims, it will, nevertheless, either risk war in order to achieve its goals or make substantial concessions on all other issues, particularly the German problem, to which Great Britain and the United States seem to attach paramount importance.

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